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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 26-Mar-04**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes
03/22	2,109	5.59	61-88	75.97	6,373
03/23	2,123	5.54	61-91	76.66	7,455
03/24	2,074	5.43	62-91	77.35	7,395
03/25	2,179	5.43	61-91	77.98	6,370
03/26	2,101	5.50	61-91	77.32	6,447
Weekly	10,586	5.50	Cumulative:	77.05	34,040

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 29-Mar-04**

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	76.33	76.39	51.55
Chicago	73.82	73.69	49.95
Detroit	73.00	73.75	49.08
Los Angeles	78.98	78.15	67.26
12-City Composite	76.77	76.52	57.71

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 26-Mar-04**

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	210.49	3,272,869
Tenderloins	220.66	475,860
Breast - With Ribs	117.64	645,000
Breast - Line Run	115.26	550,400
Legs	41.91	1,438,561
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	32.25	2,184,926
Drumsticks	40.03	608,855
Thighs	47.71	324,270
B/S Thighs	110.14	604,400
Wings (Whole)	126.01	155,120

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 20-Mar-04**

	Current Week	Last Week	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	209,673	210,020	206,529	204,460
Chicks Placed	171,496	170,462	166,769	168,098

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 20-MAR-04**

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	153,006	157,179	153,022
Average Live Weight	5.15	5.06	5.09
To Date 2004 (000)	1,689,638	1,536,632	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	1,655,032	1,502,010	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on **February 29, 2004** were 7% above last month, but 13% below February 2003. Total stocks of chicken were 2% above last month, but 19% below last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were 13% above the previous month, but 3% below last year

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